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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED: RESPONSE TO AZERBAIJAN'S PSI

QUESTIONS

REF: A. STATE 65631
[1](#)B. STATE 71274

[1](#)1. (SBU) Acting DCM delivered ref a demarche answering Azerbaijan's questions about the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) in a May 18 meeting with Qalib Israfilov, Director of the MFA's International Security Affairs Department, and left para 3 points as nonpaper. Israflov listened attentively and, focusing on the point that the requested government always makes its own decision as to whether it will take action on a particular trafficking case, said that he understood that PSI member states retain their sovereign right to determine how best to respond to particular proliferation concerns. Israfilov thanked the Department for its thorough response and said that the MFA would need to study the specifics in detail. He promised to be in touch if he had any additional questions, and said the MFA looks forward to discussing PSI in greater detail at the upcoming US-Azerbaijan security consultations, scheduled for July.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Comment: We subsequently received ref b, instructing us to confirm whether Washington had addressed Azerbaijan's PSI concerns. Poloff will deliver ref b demarche during the week of May 28 and report any additional information septel.
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